

time Christian activist on the union front. Between 1944 and 1947, he worked with tenant farmers and sharecroppers in New Jersey and Arkansas to revive hope by strengthening unions that had been bullied into silence. He learned to work with plantation owners, the victimized poor, Pentecostal preachers, members of a complacent middle class, and conservative mainline congregations.

Dave's diplomatic and fund-raising work in Arkansas resulted in his saving from a second assault 579 workers' homes, which had been built by the Farm Security Administration in 1940 with the assistance of Eleanor Roosevelt. His success in saving the Delmo Homes brought visitors—labor officials, columnists, and church workers—seeking the secrets of his success.

Dave then accepted a job from the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) as chief organizer for the textile workers' union in South Carolina. He fought hard, not only against the companies

His acquaintance with Victor Reuther led to Dave accepting the job as the CIO's labor attaché to the American Embassy in India, where from 1955 to 1960 he helped the now combined AFL-CIO as it attempted to strengthen India's steel unions. Dave became the chief of the India-Burma division of the United States Agency for International Development in 1961, where he worked on a recommendation for United States aid in education, agriculture, public health, and industrial development that became the foundation for United States foreign aid policy in Indonesia for the next three decades.

In 1963, Sargent Shriver asked Dave to head up the first Peace Corps program in Indonesia, a job fraught with challenge as the country was in political turmoil. He returned to work in the Peace Corps offices in Washington, DC, where he successfully opened up the Peace Corps to blue-collar workers with practical and manual skills.

Dave was the area director and deputy regional director of UNICEF in East Asia from 1966 to 1972, in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Hong Kong. His work focused on improving the welfare of poor children, youth, and mothers, supporting grammar schools, training teachers, and establishing rural health centers. In his last 2 years in the area, Dave worked in war-torn, flooded Bangladesh, getting food and medical supplies to mothers and children.

He ended his UNICEF career as a major spokesman for the organization in both the United States and Canada, changing its public image from that of an emergency relief agency to one with the broader mission of bettering long-term health care and improving the quality of life in poor countries.

As pastor of two blue-collar churches in Newark, NJ, through the 1980's, Dave returned to his early mission of working for racial integration and saving low-income housing. As executive director of the Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministries for 6 years, Dave focused the group's energy on the problems of racism, poverty, and injustice. His proudest achievement in Newark was saving the remaining 6,500 units of public housing after 812 of them had been dynamited by the city, with plans to raze the rest.

Moving to Benicia, CA, after a heart attack, Dave devoted himself in the 1990's to establishing low-income housing in his new hometown. He founded the nonprofit Affordable Housing Affiliation, which has broken ground for a small cooperative complex that is the first low-income housing built in Benicia in nearly two decades.

On December 10, 2000, many friends and family members will be joining Dave as he is honored on National Human Rights Day for his commitment and dedication to the issues of social justice, poverty, discrimination, inequality, and the needs of working people. I know that every Member of this House joins me in thanking Dave for his many decades of devoted service and the significant contributions that he has made to this nation and to the City of Benicia.

Dave's life has been a truly remarkable and admirable journey that will stand as a lesson to present and future generations on the important difference that one person can make in our society.

TRIBUTE TO MARY ALICE CARTER ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring a very special person, Ms. Mary Alice Carter, as she celebrates an important milestone in her life.

Mary Alice Carter was born 80 years ago, on December 31, 1920, in Alamance County, North Carolina. Her proud parents were William and Maude Howard, and she was the 5th of four brothers and four sisters. Since her earliest years, her strong, living and vivacious personality has placed her at the center and circle of family and friends.

Seeking opportunities for herself and her family, she left the familiarity of her North Carolina home in 1964 and moved to Newark, New Jersey, and began a new life. Hard work has been the hallmark of Mary Alice's life, and to ensure the best life possible for her two daughters, she worked in a number of positions in hospitals and jails, and as a domestic. Her hard work enabled her daughters to pursue their goals, and both remain grateful to her for her sacrifices on their behalf. Mary Alice joined the New Hope Baptist Church right away after arriving in the North. Next to her family, her Church is her greatest love and forms the core of her life. For 35 years she has been active in its life, including being President of the Pastor's Aide Club from 1972 to 1993. She was honored to be named Mother of the Church, a position from which she inspires the lives of the young members of the Church and brings joy to her friends as well.

The home of Mary Alice is a central gathering place for family and friends alike. Her hospitality and living personality have brought people together for many years, with the most important moments: graduations, birthdays, holidays, church and community celebration—

spent at Mary Alice's Her legendary cooking, particularly sweet potato pie and coconut cake, has been attracting family and friends alike for a lifetime.

Most important, in addition to being a role model for members of the community, she has been a devoted, supportive mother to her two children, Mary Lee and Susan; her four loving grandchildren, Loretta, Janice, Shawn and Samantha; and a new great-grandmother to Janesha.

As a loving family member, generous friend, and inspiring community member, Mary Alice Carter is greatly appreciated and loved by so many as she celebrates her 80th Birthday.

Mr. Speaker, as Mary Alice Carter's family and friends gather to honor her, let us join in sending our best wishes for a Happy 80th Birthday and many joyful times ahead.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT ADAMS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SO- CIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRA- TION

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor Mr. Bob Adams on his retirement from the Social Security Administration after over 33 years of dedicated service.

And although Bob's retirement is certainly well deserved, I have met the news with very mixed emotions. He has been my district office's contact at Social Security for as long as any of us can remember, and we will truly miss him.

Bob began his career with the Social Security Administration in 1967 as a claims representative in St. Paul, Minnesota, but was soon transferred to Colorado, and then Utah, where he was promoted to the position of Operations Supervisor. In 1977, he came to Wisconsin, where he has remained, first as an Operations Supervisor, and then quite recently as a Management Support Specialist.

In his 23 years at the Milwaukee South office in Milwaukee, Bob Adams has provided service to thousands of individuals in a professional, courteous and respectful manner. In addition, he has spent countless hours doing outreach in the community, providing agencies, businesses, schools and organizations with information about Social Security benefits. Bob has also been an effective, caring and fair supervisor to employees at the South office, and an enormous asset to staff in providing assistance with new computer technology.

One of Bob's duties at the South office has been acting as a liaison for congressional inquiries. Congressional staffers in our area have for many years benefitted from Bob's amazing knowledge of Social Security programs, and his ability to provide ready answers to even the most complex and technical of questions. He has always been willing to "go the extra mile" for my constituents, and has always been a great pleasure to work